

Remarks

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312, consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. Allowed claims 1, 3-6, 8-18, 21, 22, 24 & 41-64 remain pending in this application. This amendment is directed to the above-noted Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification mailed on February 20, 2004, and is being co-filed with applicants' Issue Fee Transmittal.

This amendment proposes a minor change to the specification at page 6 in order that the Brief Description of Drawings reference FIGURE 6C included with the application. FIGURE 6C is described in detail at pages 15-17 of the specification as filed. This correction is minor and does not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. No additional search or examination of the claims is required or needs to be performed. Further, the scope of the allowed claims is not changed by the specification amendment.

This amendment could not have been presented earlier because it is responsive to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification dated February 20, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the above-described amendment be entered. If the Examiner wishes to discuss this application further, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

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